

REMARKS

This application is a continuation under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(d). Claims 54-69 have been canceled, and claims 70-102 have been added.

In the last Office Action dated March 13, 2001, the Examiner rejected claims 54-69 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(e) as being unpatentable over *Bezviner et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,613,148) in view of *Edwards et al.* (U.S. Patent No. 5,901,315). Although Applicants disagree with the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have canceled the claims without prejudice and submit new claims 70-102 for examination. Applicants reserve the right to pursue the canceled claims.

Each of the independent claims recites that a first group of objects is a subset of all objects that can be remotely activated or accessed. Further, as recited in the claims 70, 86, and 91, objects of the first object group are executed only in a first virtual machine. Some of the dependent claims additionally recite, e.g., that the objects in a specific group are predetermined by a user, each virtual machine only executes on objects in a specific group, and that no object in a first group is found in a second group. The references cited in the previous Office Action dated March 13, 2001 do not teach or suggest at least groups of objects where a group is executed only in a specific virtual machine, each group of objects is a subset of all objects, and each object is only in one group of objects.

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are patentable for at least these reasons. Applicants respectfully request the timely allowance of the pending claims and invites the Examiner to call Applicants' representative if it would further expedite prosecution.

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